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SUBJECT: ECONADS: AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 17 MEETING

1. FOLLOWING AGENDA HAS BEEN CIRCULATED FOR THE FEBRUARY
17 MEETING:

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

II. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION (2ND BASKET)
US CONTRIBUTION CIRCULATED ON 20TH JANUARY, 1977
TO BE RAISED ORALLY BY THE CHAIRMAN

III. APPRECIATION OF THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF NATO AND
WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH 1984
DOCUMENTS: AC/127-WP/499
AC/127-WP/500

IV. DECLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL
REFERENCES: ED/76/29
C-R(76)47

DOCUMENTS: ED/ECXUUXWKREVISED)
ED/EC/77/7
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C-M(76)57
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2. ON ITEM III WE PROVIDED DIRECTORATE WITH WASHINGTON'S
COMMENTS IN STATE 29649. FURTHER COMMENTS WILL BE WELCOME.

3. ON ITEM IV, DIRECTORATE HAS CIRCULATED ED/EC/77/2 (REVISED),
WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT OF U.S./U.K. VIEWS (INCLUDING STATE

23810). AS COMPARED WITH ED/EC/77/2, FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE:

--IN PARA III, 4 FIRST SENTENCE ENDS AFTER "PROPOSE."
BALANCE OF PARA IS DELETED. IN REVISED VERSION, TEXT PICKS-UP WITH "...THE RESULTS OF THE MOST RECENT ESTIMATES MADE BY EXPERTS ARE THE FOLLOWING:..." AND ALL OF PREVIOUS PARA 5 IS INCLUDED IN NEW PARA 4. THEREFORE, PARA NUMBER IS ADJUSTED THRUOUT.

--NEW PARA 25 (OLD 26) NOW READS:
THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP SEEMS FULLY ALIVE TO THE VERY CONSIDERABLE BURDEN WHICH THE DEFENCE EFFORT PUTS ON THE CONOMY. THE PROCUREMENT OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGY IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE INADEQUANCY OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO KEEP UP THE PRESENT DEFENCE EFFORT, TO MODERNIZE THE ECONOMY AND TO STIMULATE GROWTH AT THE SAME TIME. THESE CONSIDERATIONS HAVE, NONETHELESS, NOT PREVENTED REGULAR INCREASES IN MILITARY PROGRAMMES AND THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN 1976-1980 GIVES NO INDICATION OF ANY REDUCTION IN THE RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO DEFENCE."

4. IN ABSENCE OF OBJECTIONS BY FEB. 18, REVISED VERSION WILL BE "CONSIDERED AS THE FINAL VERSION OF THE REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL."

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5. ACTION REQUESTED: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON ITEM III AND CONCURRENCE TO DECLASSIFICATION OF REVISED SOVIET DEFENCE EXPENDITURE PAPER DESCRIBED PARA 3.
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